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SUBJECT: DETENTION OF ADOLFO PEREZ ESQUIVEL (92/77/9)

REF: STATE 15651 (NOTAL)

1. IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST FROM SENATOR PERCY'S OFFICE (REFTEL) EMBASSY POLOFF MET WITH DR. JORGE PASCALE, ARGENTINE REPRESENTATIVE OF "SERVICIO PAZ Y JUSTICIA" AND CHARIMAN OF THE ARGENTINE "MOVIMIENTO ECUMENICO POR LOS DERECHOS HUMANOS" (MEDH) TO DISCUSS SUBJECT CASE.

2. PASCALE REPORTED THAT PEREZ ESQUIVEL HAS BEEN DETAINED IN THE LA PLATA FEDERAL PENITENTIARY SINCE APRIL 4, 1977 AND IS PRESENTLY BEING HELD UNDER THE PODER EJECUTIVO NACIONAL. PEREZ ESQUIVEL HAS NOT BEEN CHARGED WITH ANY CRIME DURING HIS DETENTION. HE HAS NOT EVEN BEEN "INTERVIEWED".

3. A RIGHT OF OPTION-PETITION TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY SUBMITTED

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BY PEREZ ESQUIVEL UNDER LAW 21,449 WAS REJECTED BY THE GOA LAST DECEMBER. HOWEVER, PEREZ ESQUIVEL PLANS TO SUBMIT A NEW RIGHT OF OPTION PETITION IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE UNDER

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THE REVISED PROCEDURES CONTAINED IN LAW 21,650. EFFORTS TO OBTAIN AN EMBASSY VISA CERTIFICATE ARE UNDER WAY WITH THE EMBASSIES OF VENEZUELA AND NORWAY. SPAIN IS ANOTHER POSSIBILITY, AS PEREZ ESQUIVEL IS OF SPANISH ANCESTRY.

4. MR. PASCALE SEES INCREASING ATTENTION FOCUSSED ON PEREZ ESQUIVEL'S CONTINUED DETENTION IN THE COMMING MONTHS, AS PEREZ ESQUIVEL HAS BEEN NOMINATED FOR THE 1978 NOBEL PEACE PRIZE BY THE TWO WOMEN 1977 PEACE PRIZE LAUREATES FROM NORTHERN IRELAND. MR. PASCALE HAS RECENTLY MET WITH THE NORWEGIAN AMBASSADOR REGARDING THE NOMINATION WHICH, PASCALE SAYS, IS EXPECTED TO RECEIVE THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT'S SUPPORT. CHAPLIN

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